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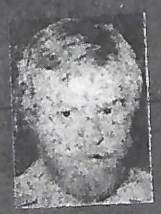
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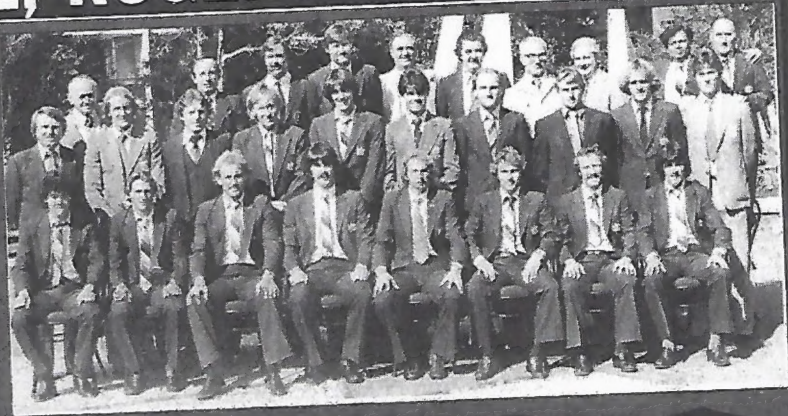
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KOSMINA OR COLE, ROGERS OR BARNES?



By LAURIE SCHWAB



IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO

New Zealand has lost its momentum. John Toney and John Yarmouth are back to plug the defense and a FIFA decision last week has greatly increased Australia's chances of reaching the 1982 World Cup finale in Spain.

Victory against New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday and against Indonesia at Olympic Park next Wednesday almost certainly would guarantee the Socceroos a place among the final 24.

Only World Cup success can give Australian soccer the breath of life it so badly needs as clubs throughout the country continue to crumble under the burden of rising costs and falling attendance.

The Socceroos entered training camp in Sydney early this week, hopefully to work on a cohesive team plan of which there was little evidence in the 3-2 draw with New Zealand in Auckland two weeks ago.

Coach Bud Gutendorf is also grappling with problems of team selection. Woodhouse, or Maher, Rogers or Barnes, Cole or Kosmina?

But recent plans throughout the tournament.

New Zealand was held to a scoreless draw by Tahiti, the team Australia beat 2-0 in Tahiti in 1979.

The draw was a major setback to the Kiwis, who had followed up their draw with Australia by thrashing Fiji 4-0 in Suva, with Brian Turner netting a hat-trick.

Then came the news that FIFA had approved a Malaysia-based tournament for the second round of the Asian qualifying series, in preference to home and away games.

This improves the Socceroos' chances, as the character, fitness level, strength and recovery rate make them ideally suited to tournament football. They proved as much in 1980 when they won against Japan and South Korea in Seoul and in 1973 against New Zealand, Indonesia, and Iraq in Sydney and Melbourne.

Yet in the home-and-away series of 1977, they failed miserably.

Had home-and-away games been approved this time, Australia would have had to play on artificial turf against Saudi Arabia, which has no grass pitches. This would have been a decided disadvantage.

The other teams that have qualified for the second round are China and Korea.

In preparing the final Australian line-up for Saturday's match at the A.C.C. Gutendorf will work around a modest compulsion. Steve Blair and Tony Henderson are the mainstays of New Zealand strikers Brian Turner and Steve Woodhouse. Jim Toney, Alan Davidson, John Yarmouth, Peter Sharma, and Eddie Kosmina.

The rest of the team is in Gutendorf's melting pot.

He has said he may use Greg Woodhouse as goalkeeper in preference to Allan Maher, but it's just as likely he will not.

Yarmouth will be the outwinger, replacing Henderson who moves to stopper. With Peter Walker doubling Gutendorf's invitation to the team, Yarmouth is the only recognized winger in the squad.

Technically, he probably is the best winger in Australia. He covers the breadth of the back line, he is extremely mobile and he knows how and when to go forward.

With Blair and Henderson making the strikers, Gutendorf will use the full backs to attack down the flanks and to

mark down England's wide midfielders, Neil Mackay and Chris Turner.

Alan Toney will be the left back, the only winger, the team after missing the match in Auckland due to injury.

Alan Henderson or Steve Perry will play on the right. Perry is a stout defender who never plays a bad game, but if Henderson wants to attack out wide, he should use Davidson there.

Larry Ball again will exploit the speed of Sharma, while Kosmina will be used as all over the place, utilizing his boundless energy. But in this game, we'll see Kosmina in the penalty area much more often than usual, for he showed in Auckland how dangerous he can be in the air. With Davidson and Toney working over the forward, Australia will need tall men in the box.

Will Gutendorf therefore use the tall Cole as central striker, or will he select the more skilled but smaller John Kosmina as a foil for Kosmina?

Either way, it leaves us with only two midfield positions to be filled.

One will have to go to Ken Bodden, surely.

New Zealand will play cautiously, with the midfielders staying back unless it is absolutely safe to venture forward.

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The Australian squad is made up of the following players: Goalkeepers: Allan Maher, Greg Woodhouse. Defenders: Steve Blair, Tony Henderson, Alan Davidson, John Yarmouth, Peter Sharma, Eddie Kosmina. Forwards: Brian Turner, Steve Woodhouse, Jim Toney, Alan Toney, Steve Perry, Ken Bodden.

Standings

Group 1: Australia, New Zealand, China, Korea.

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
Australia	2	1	0	1	4	2
New Zealand	2	0	1	1	2	3
China	1	0	0	1	0	0
Korea	1	0	0	1	0	0

CROATIA 8-1

COLA-COLA LEAGUE

PARANAGUA CITY 3 (Rocha 2, Brizola 1)
BASTON TOWN 1 (Bosman) at Garside Park.
Crowd: 258

SUTHERLAND 4 (Grooms 2, A. Bush, Murphy)
at POLONA 1 (A. Baidel) at Seymour Show Park.
Crowd: 425

ST. GEORGE 2 (Campbell 2) at RIVERWOOD 0
CROATIA 8 (Walker 2, Skea 2, Henderson 2,
Czolowski 1, Kovacic 1) at INTER MONARO 0
HAWLEY 1 (Bugal) drew with NORTH SYDNEY
1 (Wilson)

MELITA EAGLES 0 drew with CANTERBURY
0. AVALA v AUBURN postponed.

	W	D	L	A	Pts
St. George	10	1	0	47	5
Melita	8	1	1	21	7
Croatia	8	2	0	27	7
Sutherland	5	2	1	15	6
Riverwood	5	2	4	15	12
Inter-Monaro	4	1	5	14	25
Canterbury	3	3	5	15	23
Polona	3	2	6	11	20
Melita	3	1	7	14	20
Avila	2	2	6	10	18
North Sydney	2	2	6	10	18
Bastown	3	0	7	13	22
Paranagu	3	0	7	6	20
Avala	3	0	7	6	24

It was Croatia's turn for a goal feast when it obliterated Inter Monaro 8-1 in their NSW State League game of the King Tomislav Ground.

Competition leader St George Budapest which also has been responsible for many high scores this season, only won 2-0 against Riverwood, with Peter Stone turning in an excellent game.

Croatia steamrollered Monaro with two goals each from Brian Parker, Peter Hensman and Marcos Silva and one from Marjan Kovacic and Bill Czolowski.

The half time score was 3-0, and Monaro managed to pick up a consolation goal from Ian Heywood before Croatia put away its last five goals.

St George took only eight minutes to go to the lead

against Riverwood with a goal from striker Ernie Campbell.

The introduction of Barry Walker and David Skea as substitutes sparked St George in the final 20 minutes to end Riverwood's hopes for a draw.

In the 77th minute Campbell set sail on a run from the mid-field and dummed the defence before placing his shot well to beat Gisbourne and score his team's second goal.

Walker went close seven minutes later with a cracking shot that hit the post.

Canterbury played with 10 men for the entire second half to valiantly pick up a point in a scoreless draw with a disappointing Melita Eagles.

Berries striker Ross Brown was sent off two minutes before half time, for alleged retaliation, by referee Brian Fowler after a heavy tackle from Melita defender Greg McCoy.



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WORLD CUP: New Zealand, Saturday Indonesia, Wednesday

• The Soccerroos of 1964 who met Everton, the first overseas team to visit after FIFA lifted its ban on Australia. From left, back row: Pat Woods (NSW), Adam (Vic), Jurecki (Vic), Matt Woods (NSW), Salisbury (NSW), Ninus (NSW), Barnett (NSW), Iglesias (NSW), Baumgartner (NSW), McGuire (NSW). Front: Kowalec (Vic), Micic (Vic), Scheinflug (NSW), Reynolds (NSW), Edwards (NSW). Australia lost the game 1-5.



Four of the Victorians in the Soccerroo squad, from left: John Yzendoorn, Billy Rogers, Steve Blair and Alan Davidson. They and Gary Cole will be the crowd's favorites against Indonesia at Olympic Park next Wednesday.

Never have we had it so easy

As we tremble at the possible outcome of the match against New Zealand on Saturday, let us remember that Australia never has had a better chance to qualify for the World Cup finals.

If we overcome the Oceania hurdle, we will face a much easier final stage than in 1977, 1973, 1969 or even 1965 when we were badly prepared and when North Korea was a formidable opponent.

Our three competitors in the Asian play-offs would be Kuwait, China and Saudi Arabia.

Old rival Israel is no longer part of Asia and is giving Scotland and the others a hell of a time in its European qualifying group.

Iran pulled out due to political considerations and Iraq sent a weakened team to its qualifying series because of Army commitments by its players, resulting in defeat to the group winner, Saudi Arabia.

Kuwait will be the strongest team in the play-offs. It thrashed Malaysia 4-0, Thailand 6-0 and South Korea 2-0 to advance to the final stage, and in the 1977 qualifying series it beat Australia 2-1 in Sydney and 1-0 at home.

China is not up to our standard, so if we win the Oceania group, we should go on to the finals in Spain next year.

After all, we need no more than finish second to Kuwait, as the top two will qualify.

But to get to the play-offs we must of course beat New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday and Indonesia at Olympic Park on Wednesday night.

The NZFA took a calculated gamble in agreeing to play away matches on our tour, right after the first match against Australia in Auckland.

The 3-3 draw with the Soccerroos gave the Kiwis the motivation they needed against Fiji, Taiwan and Indonesia, and if they arrive here

disappointed, with regret, they will give us a hell of a game.

Then they can go home to concentrate on scoring as many goals as possible in the remaining games.

But if New Zealand fared badly against Indonesia on Monday (result not at hand when we went to Press) and if some of its players are injured, Australia will have a decided advantage.

We must be careful.

New Zealand is a much more settled team than Australia. We may have the better individuals but New Zealand is much better as a unit because it has not made a quarter of the changes that the Soccerroos have had to contend with.

We must attack on Saturday to win, yet we do not have an attacking team.

However, when the chips are down, we always see the best from the Australian players. Conscience and dignity, moreover than tactical instruction, drives them to new heights of achievement.

Our 11 — irrespective of which 11 they are and irrespective of tactical instruction — will be strong enough to beat New Zealand.

Of that I am sure.

I have received a letter from a group of people in Melbourne, accusing me for criticising Rudi Gutendorf in print and on Channel 6.

I never have criticised Rudi personally.

Rather, I have commented critically on what I have observed, either in matches by the Soccerroos or in matters of selection.

That is the job of every commentator.

• The Soccerroos in Shanghai in 1979. How many are left? From left, standing two interpreters, Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse (bending forward), masseur Ljubo Gokovic, Steve Perry, Arno Bertogna, Kevin Mullen, Bobby Russell, Phil O'Connor, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey (rear), John Nyskohus, Mark Jankovics, Martyn Crook (obscured), Tony Henderson, interpreter. Seated: Laurie Schwab (reporter), John Coyne, Rudi Gutendorf, Ivo Prskalo, Ken Boden, Vic Tutting (ASF vice-president), Eddie Krncevic, Tommy Cumming, Gary Cole.



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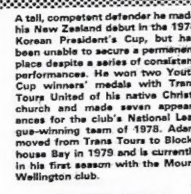
RICHARD WILSON (Canberra City): On his day a fine goalkeeper, but suffers from occasional lapses in concentration and lacks confidence when dealing with crosses. Before joining Canberra, Wilson had spells with Christchurch United, New Brighton, Feyenoord (Holland) and Nelson United. Has been New Zealand's first choice since his debut v Australia in 1979.



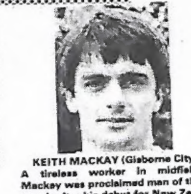
FRANK VAN HATTUM (Manurewa): Made his home in 1978 when, as a 19-year-old, won a Cup Winners' medal and made his international debut against Fiji two years later. He played for his native Taranaki Province and the North Island at all junior levels.



DAVID BRIGHT (Manurewa): A solid defender, English-born Bright came to the fore in Manurewa's successful Cup campaign of 1978. He is able to step into the shoes of established team members with the minimum of disruption to the combination.



KEITH MACKAY (Gisborne City): A tireless worker in midfield, Mackay was proclaimed man of the match after his debut for New Zealand last year against Mexico. Unfortunately he has not been able to recapture that form in subsequent appearances for the Kiwis. Born in Porirua, near Wellington, Mackay has returned to his original club after a spell with Nelson United.



ALLAN SOATH (Woolston Workmen's Club): Transferred to newly promoted Woolston from Christchurch United at the start of the current season. Scottish-born, he obtained naturalisation clearance only in April. To date Soath has made just a single appearance for New Zealand - in a trial game last season against a Southern Regional XI.



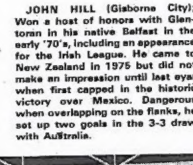
RICKY HERBERT (Mount Wellington): Captain of New Zealand's Oceania Youth Cup team of 1976, Herbert graduated to full international honours two years later against Mexico. Unable to establish himself in the star-studded Mount Wellington side, Herbert moved to provincial Nelson United before returning to Mount Wellington and helping the club to a league and cup "double" in 1980. Currently the New Zealand Young Player of the Year, 20-year-old Herbert has a tremendous future.



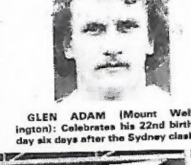
GLEN ADAM (Mount Wellington): Celebrates his 22nd birthday six days after the Sydney clash.



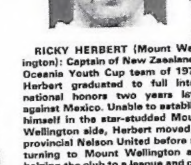
JOHN HILL (Gisborne City): Won a host of honors with Glen, torn in his native Belfast in the early '70's, including an appearance for the Irish League. He came to New Zealand in 1975 but did not make an impression until last year when first capped in the historic victory over Mexico. Dangerous when overlapping on the flanks, he set up two goals in the 3-3 draw with Australia.



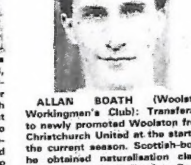
BOBBY ALMONT (Christchurch United): A former member of the Tottenham Hotspur youth team, Almont has established himself as New Zealand's top sweeper. Cool and competent under pressure, he was the outstanding performer during his adopted country's World tour of 1979. Almont, 29, was the 1978 Canterbury Player of the Year.



STEVE SUMNER (Newcastle KB): Already assured himself a place in New Zealand soccer annals with that last-gasp equalizer in Auckland but overall did not have a good game. A native of Lancashire, Sumner thrived at Christchurch United and established himself as a consistent performer. He had an outstanding game against Fiji, but is unlikely to enjoy the same freedom of space against the Socceroos.



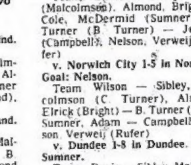
BRIAN TURNER (Wellington): The greatest name in New Zealand soccer, Turner has won every honor open to him in the domestic game, including three Player of the Year awards. He had three seasons in English professional football with Portsmouth and Brentford. Turner has not adjusted well to the greater pace of the PSL and at 29 he may be past his peak, but still looks a permanent fixture in the Kiwi team. Scored a hat-trick in NZ's 4-0 World Cup win against Fiji last week.



GRANT TURNER (Gisborne City): The subject of interest by Sydney Olympic, 22-year-old Turner has emerged as a contender for international recognition only in the past two years. The Wellington-born striker made his National League debut for Stop Out in 1976 and represented Wellington against the touring Tottenham Hotspur in the same year, only to drift into the Regional League football for three seasons. Signed for Gisborne City last year and was quickly called into national service.



CLIVE CAMPBELL (Invercargill): Has gone off the boil after a remarkable start to his PSL career. A clever ball player, he won a hat full of accolades in New Zealand. He came on as substitute during both the opening two World Cup games and made little impression in either. First capped as a 16-year-old, the Aucklander could be destined to go down in history as one of the great enigmas of New Zealand soccer.



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• Soccer fans are hoping Alan Davidson lives up to this nick-name in the World Cup games against New Zealand on Saturday and Indonesia on Wednesday.

CROOK'S THE BEST

It seems that it's open season for journalists to push for national team selection for a player they have a high opinion of so I'm jumping on the soap box and proclaiming the merits of West Adelaide keeper Martyn Crook.

Crook has the confidence needed to force his way into the No. 1 keeping spot but he is disillusioned with the present circumstances. He's seen former team mate John Kosmina

move to Sydney and leave behind the obscurity which plagues national team selection for a South Australian player.

"The Kosmina case is an obvious example of what a move to Sydney can do for a player's career.

"But there's nothing much I can do. I'm on a two year contract with West Adelaide and the club wants me to stay."

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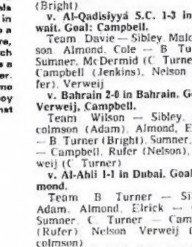
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ADRIAN ELRICK (Manimex North Shore United): Recently recruited to squad after earlier disagreements with coach John Ad-Ad, Scottish-born Elrick is a rugged competitor, being particularly effective in the half, but lacks a little pace these days. First capped against China in 1975, he has won both league and cup winners' medals with North Shore.



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(Geelong): Arco Cantone, 11 (Mitcham); Jim Taschoukis, 11 (Clifton Hill); Lachlan Rowley, 9 (East Melbourne); 9 (Waverley); John Boman, 8, six goals (Dapto); Robert Harris, 9, four goals, Scott Howard, 10, six goals, (West Lakes); Robert Clear, 12, four goals (Tasmania); Richard Fierelli, 13, Robert McEneaney, 14 (Melbourne); Robert Mihalik, 10 (Springvale); Paul Cybulia, 11 (Swan Hill); Derran Tardio, 12, five goals (St Marks); Peter Pappelet, 12 (East Adelaide); Josip Bacak, 8 (Highpoint); Tony Calle, 12 (Essendon Croatia); Nick Linka, 12, four goals (Fernie Gully); Michael Dialectos, 12 (Northcote); Steve Keenan, 11 (Chelsea); Paul White, 12 (Fernie Gully); Jason Rennie, 10, Richard Ritter, 12 (Eltham); Gordon Scott, 9 (Nunawading C); Nestor Olavarria, 12, five goals (Clayton); Alex Bargiamis, 13 (5th Oakleigh); Leigh Shearn, 9, four goals; Kevin Jones, 8, Bradley O'Neill, 11, Andrew Durlieu, 15, (Karingal); Kean Pace, 9 (Moreland); Mike Agius, 12 (Moreland); Tony Paozola, 12 (Sunshine); Peter Masakis, 12, four goals (Dingley); Nick Linka, 12, Paul Whyte, 12 (Fernie Gully); Robert Woodhouse, 14, four goals; Tony Jones, 14, four goals; John Alexopoulos, 14, Jim Christos, 14, Len Kovacevic, 15 (East Brentleigh); Martin Keers, 9, five goals; John Colquhoun, 9 (All Saints Hunter's Hill).

Notes: Many certificates are not being sent out because addresses have not been supplied. Beaumaris, Sunshine City and Fernie Gully are among the clubs involved.

NSW LADDERS NEXT WEEK

The Southern and Eastern junior association of Sydney has started its own monthly newspaper, edited by S. Serda and J. Martin.

It has free circulation of 3100 copies. Costs are covered by advertising.

There are 143 teams from under 6 to under 15 age groups in the Southern and Eastern association.

The paper will cater to their activities and will publish their scores and ladders, but also will highlight star senior players, publish action photos and aim to narrow the gap between junior and senior soccer.

"Soccer Action" will start publishing Southern and Eastern junior competition ladders from next week.

We also will publish Victorian junior ladders and those from Illawarra as we have in the past. Other junior associations from throughout Australia are welcome to send in their junior ladders

KIWIS CAN'T HANDLE THE SCG

Total commitment is the utmost requirement for the Socceroos in their crucial clash with the Kiwis at the SCG on Saturday.

Every player must be committed to positive football with nothing less than a victory acceptable.

For this is a World Cup game that not only must be won but can and should be won.

In fact I am confident it will be won.

The Australian players should be much more composed and less nervous than they were in the first game in Auckland when some terrible defensive mistakes were made.

It was only natural this situation existed and it clearly illustrated the difference in World Cup football and friendly internationals.

But with that game under the belts the Socceroos should now be ready for business.

Our team clearly demonstrated in Auckland that it has the upper hand on the Kiwi defence and three goals away from home is a fine effort in any competition.

In this game the Kiwis could not handle the aerial bombardment of the Aussies and were in all sorts of trouble every time the ball was floated into their goal area.

Their goalkeeper, Richard Wilson, did not know if he was Arthur or Martha and just did not know when to stay or when to leave his line.

It should be the same at the SCG on Saturday.

Socceroo Captain Murray Barnes will be in a more ac-



TOM ANDERSON

customed midfield role on Saturday and this should suit him better than the defensive role he undertook in Auckland.

Barnes also will have to talk to his team on the field and take the full responsibilities of the captainship on his shoulders.

He has the ability to do so and in fact he must do so in a World Cup team goal leadership is a must.

The Kiwis have been "on safari" in Asia and this will be

the last of their "away" World Cup games.

There seems no way that they will be 100 per cent after their trip through the east and because of this they must be pressured at all times.

The wide open spaces of the SCG must be used to Australia's advantage.

In their visit here in 1977 in the World Cup qualifying round, the Kiwis could not handle the SCG.

I see no reason why things will be different on Saturday.

Also the game will be controlled by an English referee, George Courtney of Durham, and this will insure a fast flowing game with as little stoppages as possible.

This type of refereeing was a big feature of the F A Cup final at Wembley last Saturday when the referee in that game was magnificent.

I expect Courtney to be similar and just as good.

A fast-flowing game with advantage played to the fullest will certainly help Australia's cause.

For they will certainly be the fitter of the two teams.

Despite heavy criticism of

their defensive lapses in the Auckland clash, everyone in Australia with the real interests of soccer at heart will be behind the Socceroos 100 per cent on Saturday.

For I am confident if this game is won, Spain will be reached.

This is the key to Australia's qualifying hopes.

And with such a situation prevailing, I think I talk for most soccer followers in Australia when I say — good luck Socceroos.

You can do it, you will do it — just believe in yourselves and the one over-riding fact — you're a better team than New Zealand.

It's as simple as that.

Ethnic witch-hunt drags soccer back

The "anti-ethnic" witch-hunt dismays Tony Kovac as it dismays most of his contemporaries who saw Australian soccer boom during the migration period of the fifties and sixties.

He recalls how immigrants from Europe dragged soccer off the back paddocks where it had been hibernating for half a century, and mould it into a sport that commanded crowds as high as 23,000 at State League matches.

And he wonders who the soccer federations are doing their best to get back to the pre-migration days.

Mr Kovac, 60, is one of the foremost administrators Australian soccer has had.

He first became involved with Footscray JUST in 1953 and is still on the club's committee. He was president for 17 years — one of the longest-serving club bosses in the game.

He was chairman of the Victorian State League for two terms, chairman of the VSF in 1976, an ASF executive member for two terms and is a life member of the VSF.

And he was one of six men who founded the Victorian Soccer Federation in a break-away from the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association (VASFA) in 1961.

"The Association at State and national levels was old and asleep to the needs of the growing game," Mr Kovac said this week.

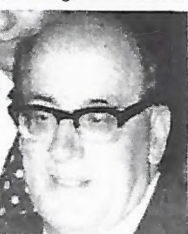
"The big new clubs representing European interests began a revolt all over Australia, resulting in new federations being formed nationally and in the States."

"Some of the leading lights involved included Andy Kuhn, Nino Borsari, John D'Andrea, Theo Marmaras, Lou Debono, Jim Bayutti, Dr Henry Seamonds and Alex Pongrass."

"We were all full of life and we all had one ambition — to push the game to the maximum."

"Attendances from about 1961 to 1964 were unbelievable. The Victorian match of the week, on a Sunday, drew between 18,000 and 23,000 people. Even on Saturdays we were getting regular 6000 crowds."

"Greeks, Italians, Yugoslavs, Maltese, Hungarians, Ukrainians, Germans, Dutch — we were



Tony Kovac

all one happy family, working in a sport that gave us all pleasure.

"Each national group had a club formed by that group to represent that group, but gradually these clubs decided also to adopt district names in order to get help from local councils."

"JUST was first, adopting the name Footscray and thus calling itself Footscray JUST. There was not any talk, however, of abandoning our true names."

Mr Kovac said that since the boom days of the sixties he had not seen much improvement in Australian soccer.

"Sure there are a lot more clubs, but what are we aiming at — quality or quantity?" he asked.

"We are introducing new gimmicks from month to month, like the marketing department for example. I'm waiting to see what they've done. I hope the money we've spent on them gives us some return, otherwise we'll have another embarrassing flop on our hands."

"I was surprised that one of the first tasks undertaken by the marketing people was to give the PSL clubs new nicknames and attempt to kill off

any remaining traces of the original names.

"No-one can convince me that new names will help soccer to be sold to Australians."

"All it does is confuse people."

"If the game is to be popularised, the best salesmen are the people of the clubs themselves. They are the ones who should be selling the game to their own supporters, and to potential supporters in their region."

"All we should concentrate on is improving our facilities and playing good soccer to attract the public and gain exposure in the media."

"We don't have to get rid of ethnic names."

"We are all ethnic and at the same time we are all Australian because we live in this country. All the British people, and the people of British background, are ethnic as well."

"If most of us are ethnic, why should we scrap ethnic names?"

"Soccer is an international sport and Australia is an international village."

"I hope our soccer leaders study this issue much more deeply. If they do, I'm sure that they will find that what they are doing is not very brilliant."

"The reason we have soccer as a major sport in this country is because so many people from overseas fought hard to build it up over the past 30 years."

"The clubs have particular identities of which they are justifiably proud. At the same time, those clubs are Australian."

"You will not make me a better Australian by forcing me to change my name from Tony Kovac to Anthony Smith."

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Mike Johnson

Alex Pongrass was relaxed and expansive when I met him in his office in his factory at Alexandria in Sydney.

Yes, he was pleased with the progress of the team under Frank Arok and St George would become one of the nation's top sides and the club would be back to its former pre-eminent position.

So I was taken rather aback when he stated that the Phillips league in its present format was doomed.

I had heard that message from him before.

But that was last year when his club was in the horrors and I felt this was then influencing his pessimism about the future of the league.

However here he was again saying that half the clubs were broke, that his own club had lost \$200,000 last year trying to stage off relegation, that the league would have to be split in two halves, north and south with the top four sides from each region playing-off at the end of the year.

This also was not a new theme.

I had heard it coming out of Adelaide for some time.

Most recent was from the pen of top Adelaide scribe Tom McKain.

I respect McKain highly as a journalist, indeed he used to "ghost" a column for me when I was in Adelaide and a highly professional job he made of it.

However, I believe he and others, including Alex Pongrass, are completely misguided in advocating the diluting of the Phillips league.

Although it is true to say that no Phillips league team today is more skillful than Sydney Hakoah, St George or APIA of old, the general standard of top soccer in the country has risen considerably since the advent of the league.

The level of professionalism has also increased markedly, especially in Adelaide, Melbourne or Brisbane.

The Phillips league has also enabled us to have three specialist national soccer newspapers where previously there was only one.

New levels of aspiration have risen for players, coaches and administrators as a result of the league.

If we revert to regional and suburban soccer, standards will drop and they will not rise again.

As I stated last week the Phillips League has given us the vehicle to lift our standards eventually to those of second status soccer countries.

So called regional soccer, which is virtually suburban soccer, will eventually drop us back to a fifth status country.

Pongrass said to me that there was no alternative, that without money the clubs could not go on.

But in fact there is money available to clubs, through sponsors, social clubs and other means.

The problem is they are spending too much, mainly on players.

I have made this statement before, but I will repeat it.

The greatest area for cost cutting in our professional soccer clubs is with the playing and coaching staff.

The money being paid some players and coaches is ridiculous.

Sydney Olympic's Tom Docherty has written that he is being paid more money with Olympic than in his hey-day with Manchester United.

To coach a team which he claimed was little better in standard than an English pub side.

The waste of money on full time coaches I have already commented on. However what about the \$15,000 signing of fees now being paid to some players.

DON'T DISBAND THE PSL!

While Australian Soccer is preoccupied with the statutory start to our world cup campaign, Mike Johnson has been looking at the rather critical situation here at home. Last week he applauded the announcement by Sydney City that it could go full time professional next year. This week he urges the retention of the Phillips league against the arguments of St George president, Alex Pongrass and others who are seeking to regionalise the league.

Hard up APIA has one such player on its books. Utterly preposterous on the gates APIA draws.

Recently my club team, Wollongong United played a friendly against Croatia which plays in the NSW State league.

When I enquired regarding signing a couple of their players I was informed that they received \$200 per week match fees, plus signing on fees which can stretch to \$800.

Yet that team only trains three times a week, the same as my players, as do most Phillips League teams after the basic training period is completed.

My players get \$50 for a win, nothing for a loss, only \$15 for

a draw, with no signing-on fees, yet gates as big as some Phillips League sides.

I consider we are only one goal inferior side to Croatia. Indeed we beat them in last year's NSW Ampol Cup competition.

Croatia, with its ridiculous high wages and a full time coach on an inflated salary is literally throwing money away, just as are most of our Phillips League clubs.

The British players currently coming into the country from lowly professional sides have never earned so much money as they do here, especially if you include their wages in their earnings.

They, and most of the players currently playing,

would play for a lot less than they do now, until such time as, though a variety of means the gates and general revenue available to clubs increases considerably.

Newcastle United proved, in its early years, that clubs can get good results without spending a fortune.

Clubs who are not efficient in their general operations and which have limited gate potential have no place in the national league.

Canberra, Wollongong, Newcastle have pointed the way we should go.

With a solid base of such clubs the league should be able to survive and grow.

Alex Pongrass now says he was wrong when, along with Frank Lowly, president of Hakoah, he advocated the formation of a national league.

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ASPA HITS AT PSL

Members of the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association expressed deep concern at their last meeting over the Phillips League's black-ban on "Soccer Action".

The PSL has directed clubs to prohibit sale of this newspaper at grounds

because we refer to clubs by their original, so-called "ethnic" names.

The branch decided to write to the PSL and the ASF deploring the ban and reaffirming the principle of freedom of the Press.

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This rarity is Channel 0/28's Friday night World of Soccer program.

Blessed with the presence of a genial host in David Forham, a highly entertaining format, interesting personalities such as Rale Rasie and Tommy Docherty on its panel, the program is becoming a must for TV addicts with an interest in sport.

Channel 0/28 is doing a great job for soccer this year and the fruits of its efforts are being watched with immense interest.

For years and years, soccer claimed that lack of television exposure was holding the game back.

This year, ironically through multi-cultural (Ethnic in plain English) TV, we have something of a surfeit of riches, but one which is sure to be appreciated by the game's aficionados.

It was a welcome sight for sore eyes, when Sydney City's ailing squad returned to crackerjack form against Newcastle KB United with a resounding 4-1 win.

What caused the big reversal?

There must have been several factors, but none as obvious as the simple fact that City/Slickers/Hakoah over the decades was always at its most attractive and successful when there were wingers in the orthodox sense streaking around, up and down the sidelines.

Against Newcastle it was like the old days — at least on one side of the pitch.

That tiny dynamo, Joe Watson, was back in his element, leading the visitors' defence in a merry dance throughout.

Not only that, but the old days of the overlapping full-back were revived with the return from injury of Kevin Mullen.

Last, but not least, there was a constructive and explosive mid-fielder present in Ian Souness and a bustling, foraging tough centre-forward of John Kosmina's calibre.

One major disappointment was the negligible contribution of Ken Boden, who has an impeccable ability on occasion to find a "pocket" of the pitch where absolutely nothing happens for long periods of time.

This was one such occasion.

All in all, though, it was very nice to see the Sydney City of old on show again. Fifty there weren't more of us on hand to witness this revival.

Newcastle's current predicament deserves some examination, mainly because KB United has been the pride and joy of the Phillips League for a number of seasons.

The explanation of their problems does not — cannot — lie exclusively in their long season.

That they have had to put up with before!

Whatever it is, the problems in Newcastle are a warning to all PSL clubs.

United is one of the clubs in the league which is forced to live on its gate takings (supplemented by its sponsorship, reported to be the most generous in the PSL).

Even now, with crowds averaging thousands below those of a couple of years ago, their home attendances would be the envy of most of their rivals.

And still, they are having a financial struggle on their hands.

Imagine, if you will, the plight of other clubs which attract about half — or less — the crowds which file into the International Sports Centre for KB's home games.

If it wasn't for poker machines or generous individuals where would they be?

Clubs in this category are skating on very thin ice, indeed, and yet, some of them talk of full-time professionalism next year!

This is nothing short of financial insanity and is building soccer's structure on foundations of thin air.

Let's hope the whole flimsy structure doesn't come crashing down around our ears.

Problems such as these are the ones which the marketing and financial professionals connected with soccer should be addressing themselves to.

Whether the financial quicksand which soccer finds itself in can be rationalised in the foreseeable future, will decide the long term prospects of the sport in Australia.

Not fancy club emblems or nicknames, some of which would embarrass five-year-olds and none of which have any relevance to the clubs, their traditions or even soccer as a distinctive sport.

What about the future which greeted Sir Arthur George's comments on Soccerroo skipper Murray Barnes and the possibility of his eviction from the team (not that I believe for a moment that it will happen)?

The ASF president is, of course, entitled to his opinion: God knows, he cops plenty of criticism himself.

Nonetheless, his comments — taking into account his position — were in bad taste, badly timed and rather selective in singling out the unfortunate Barnes.

Murray was, after all, playing out of position and in the midst of a team which was in abominable form.

PHILIPS CUP

WOLLONGONG 2 (McBreen, Tredinnick) APIA LEICHHARDT 4 (Soper 2, Kafka, O'Connor) at Woonona Oval after extra time.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 6 — Willis 7, Dunleavy 9, de Graaf 7, Ainsworth 7. McBreen 8, Adam 7, Lathan 6, Tredinnick 9 — Fontana 7 (Kay 7, 55th), Fleming 7.

APIA: Woodhouse 8 — Skellern 7, Hughes 8, Wilson 8, Casacchia 8 — Kafka 9, Zaccorner 9, McAusland 7 (Coyne 117th) — O'Connor 9, Morsello 9, Soper 8.

MARCONI 1 (Byrne), CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 0 at Marconi Oval.

SYDNEY CITY 1 (Boden) WESTON BEARS 0 at Marconi Oval.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Cameron og, 17th, Hermiston 32nd) GRANGE THISTLE 0 at Perry Park, weather, fine, crowd abt 300, referee J. Wood 8, cautions nil.

BRISBANE LIONS — Lownds 7, Ontong 8, Hermiston 9, Bennett 8, Niven 8, Lindsay 6, Hogg 7, McLean 7, Bryce 6, Millman 7, Ferris 7.

GRANGE THISTLE — Ferguson 7, Marsh 7, Aponas 6, Lazenby 7, Cameron 6, Fagan 7, Paterson 85th, Dolan 6, Mangan 6, Gordon 6, Pollock 6, Pagan 45th, 51, Maelau 7.

Details of Philips Cup matches which missed last week's edition:

MARCONI 2 (Jankovics 15th & 62nd) MELITA EAGLES 1 (Allan 51st) at Everley Park. Referee: Gary Power 6. Cautions: Henderson, Degney, Calderon (Marc), Martinez, Allan (ME).

Sent off: Calderon (Marc) 51st, Allan (ME) 51st.

Ratings by Roger Sherack.

MARCONI: Maher 7 — Brogan 7, Henderson 7 (Prakalo 7, half time), Calderon 7 (sent off 51st), Degney 8 — Byrne 7, Housieini 7, Mariani 7 — Sharne 8, Jankovics 8, Colusso 5 (Jhonston 5, 53rd).

MELITA EAGLES: Greedy 7 — McCoy 6, Campbell 7, Thompson 7, Darvill 7 — Stoddart 6, Berry 7, Farrugia 6 — Gaud 5 (Allan 6, 46th, sent off 84th), Martinez 8, McPherson 6.

APIA LEICHHARDT 3 (Morsello 19th, O'Connor 31st, Soper 76th) AUBURN 2 (Allan 1st, Hill 51st) at Everley Park.

Referee: Richard Lorenz 10. No cautions.

Ratings by Rogers Sherack.

APIA: Woodhouse 7 — Skellern 8, Pullen 7, Wilson 7, McAusland 6 — Hughes 6, Kafka 9 (Bradley 70th), Leyden 6 — Soper 7, Morsello 8, O'Connor 8.

AUBURN: Bowman 8 — McInerney 7, Prgometja 8, Bates 8, Quigley 7 — McDonald 7, Bentman 6, Hill 7 — Allen 6, Daley 6, Brown 6.

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 1 (Brown) ST. GEORGE 0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 6, Brown, Karaspyros, Laws, Barton.

ST. GEORGE: (none listed).

Referee: (none listed).

Cautions: (none listed).

Officiating: (none listed).

Attendance: (none listed).

Weather: (none listed).

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Lujic v. Bozanic

There comes a time in every player's life when he has to stand up and be counted.

There are 22 players who have to show what they're made of when Footscray J.U.S.T. faces West Adelaide at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Points are like priceless antiques as far as these two clubs are concerned.

The Melbourne soccer public has a unique opportunity to watch two teams whose commitment to winning two points on Sunday is as fierce as a life or death struggle.

Zdravko Lujic and Steve Kakantonis appear ideally suited to J.U.S.T.'s breakaway style. Both are fast, elusive players.

Lujic arrived back from Yugoslavia last week and has immediately given the J.U.S.T. front line a boost.

But he comes up against one of the toughest uncompromising full backs in Australia in Vic Bozanic.

And should Lujic escape Bozanic's fierce tackling he'll face another major obstacle in West keeper Martyn Crook.

At the other end of Schintler

Reserve West will rely on tall striker Dave Pillans to wreck havoc upon the J.U.S.T. defence in the air.

Jim Kondarios is the likely tagger for Pillans and the pair appear evenly matched.

The more I think about it the more I'm moved to pick a draw between these sides.

There's little to choose between both sets of players. Perhaps the keepers at each end of the ground hold the key to the outcome — Dennis Boland of J.U.S.T. and Crook. They are two of the best keepers in the PSL this season. The opportunity to draw comparisons between them certainly is inviting.

The Australia-New Zealand World Cup clash in Sydney on Saturday has reduced the weekend's PSL round to five matches instead of the customary eight.

Heidelberg, South

Industrial League needs players

The Victorian Country League Championships will be played at Bendigo on the Queen's Birthday weekend June 6, 7 and 8.

Last year's Industrial League representative team has been decimated by players transferring out of the league so there are vacancies for all positions.

Every player in the League is eligible to join, irrespective of what division he plays in.

The team coach is Frank Loughrane and manager is Ron Wallace who can be contacted on 559 2284 after 7 p.m.

Any player who wishes to play for the representative team should telephone Wallace.

Melbourne Hellas, Marconi and Sydney City have at least three players each involved in the Soccerroo squad and have claimed deferments.

But the round still is full of interest.

The Wollongong Wolves are Wonderful indoctrination process which I am undergoing at present is in its early stages and I think that Wollongong may have to settle for a point against Brisbane City.

The banana benders are officially opening their fine new grandstand at Spencer Park on Sunday.

To mark this grand occasion the Queensland premier Mr Bjelke Petersen will be an interested spectator, no doubt viewing the spectacle from the Spencer Park peanut gallery.

I'm sure that the local side will be inspired by the presence of their leader and will put up a magnificent performance against wonderful Wollongong.

But the Queensland premier may have to accept the result of this match which should end in a draw.

Canberra should continue to mount a strong championship campaign by beating APIA Leichhardt at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

I'm really impressed by Canberra import Ian Gibson. Indeed the entire Canberra

IN MELBOURNE
Footscray J.U.S.T. v. West Adelaide (draw) at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1977 - WA 1-0, 1-0. 1978 - J.U.S.T. 2-1, 2-2. 1979 - WA 5-0, 1-0. 1980 - WA 3-0, J.U.S.T. 2-0. Advantage West Adelaide 5 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 14-6.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v Wollongong (draw) at Spencer Park, Sunday, 3pm.

IN SYDNEY
Sydney Olympic v BLACKTOWN at Pratten Park, Sunday, 3pm.

IN CANBERRA
CANBERRA v APIA Leichhardt at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1979 - APIA 3-0, 0-0. 1980 - APIA 2-1, 2-2.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City v Preston Makedonia (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30pm.

outfit looks very impressive going forward while there's room for further improvement at the back.

Don't laugh, but I think Canberra is going to win the 1981 title.

The APIA shouldn't hinder Canberra's progress toward its first major honour.

Tommy Docherty seems to be in the good books at the ASF headquarters in Sydney but I wonder how popular he'll be with the Sydney Olympic hierarchy when Rale Rasie's Blacktown beats Olympic at Pratten Park on Sunday?

Blacktown midfielder Stuart Selva will be the hardest worker on the park and Blacktown striker Paul Burrows looms as the most dangerous player in either attack.

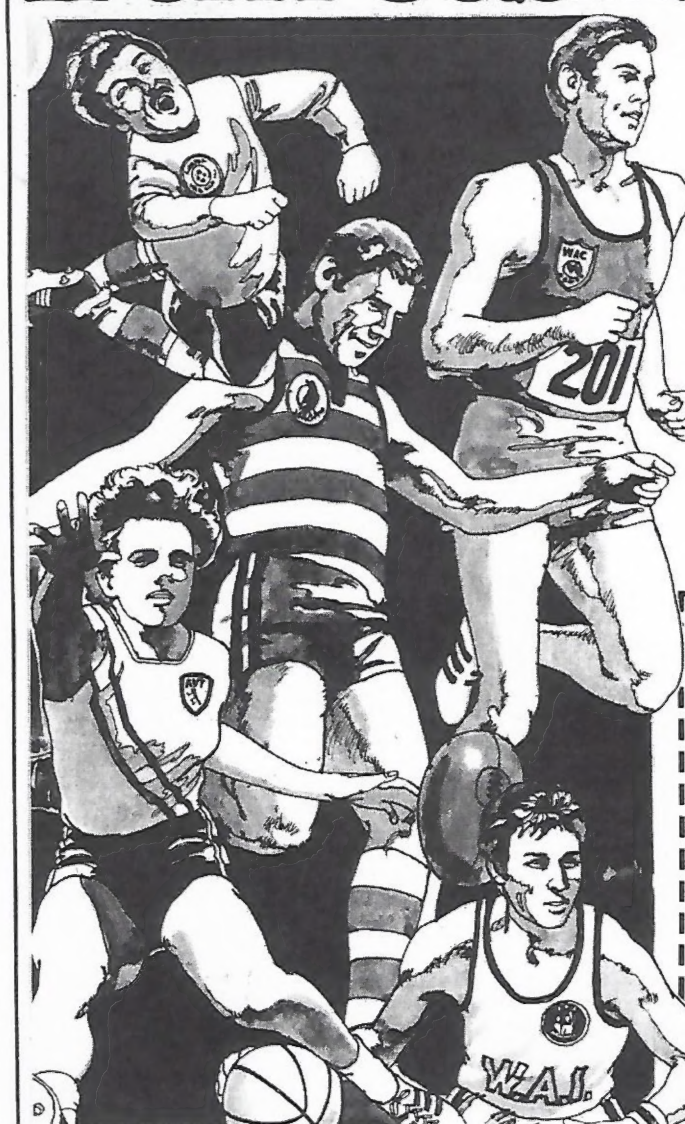
I know that Olympic is supposed to have a marvellous

crop of youngsters. I know that Docherty is supposed to have done a marvellous job of moulding them into an outfit and I know that he has a wealth of experience with numerous professional sides overseas.

What I don't know but nevertheless expect is that Olympic will struggle in the lower echelons of the PSL, the Doc may get the bullet and take over as national coach (probably the only job available at the time) and Blacktown will finish in the middle of the table and go on to better things in 1982.

If Adelaide City's defence can stand up to the onslaught from Preston Makedonia forwards Peter Ollerton, Rob Cullen and Doug Brown the home side can leave Olympic Sports Field in a jovial mood on Sunday.

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2	(2) Canberra City	3	2	1	12	5	3	17:7
3	(5)*Sydney C. Hakoah	4	2	0	13	3	2	17:8
4	(3) Wollongong	2	4	0	9	6	2	16:10
5	(4) Brisbane City	4	2	0	9	2	1	13:14
6	(6) Marconi Datsun	4	1	1	8	5	3	13:14
7	(8)*Adel C. Juventus	3	0	3	11	8	1	13:11
8	(10) Brisbane Lions	3	2	1	6	4	0	12:13
9	(7)*APIA Leichhardt	1	3	1	5	5	2	11:12
10	(12) Sydney Olympic	3	3	0	12	6	0	13:18
11	(11) Newcastle KB	2	2	2	9	5	2	14:17
12	(9) Prest. Makedonia	3	1	2	12	7	1	18:22
13	(13) H'berg Alexander	3	1	2	8	8	0	15:21
14	(16) W. Adel. Hellas	2	1	3	7	5	1	11:16
15	(14)*Blacktown	0	2	3	5	12	1	13:22
16	(15) Footscray JUST	2	2	2	8	8	0	9:23

*Played one game less than the rest

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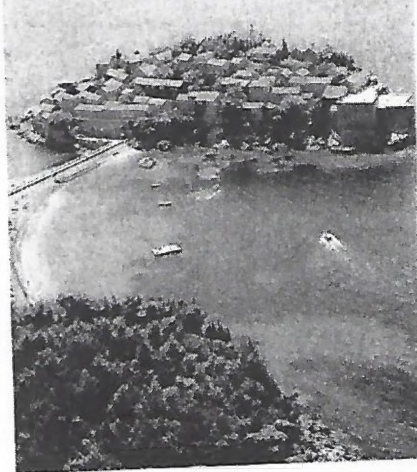
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 ADELAIDE CITY JU-
VENTUS 0 at Middle Park. Votes by Laurie Schwab:
6. Laumets (SM), 5. Mitchell (AC), 4. V. Bannon (SM), 3.
Jones (AC), 2. Perin (AC), 1. Russell (AC).
BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Millman) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Jen-
nings) at Richlands. Votes by Bruce Waddell:
6. Ziras (SO), 5. Millman (BL), 4. Ontong (BL), 3. Moulis
(SO), 2. Jennings (SO), 1. Raskopoulos (SO).
WOLLONGONG CITY 0 BRISBANE CITY 0 at Wollongong
Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Werner:
6. Coe (BC), 5. Tredinnick (W), 4. Dunleavy (W), 3. Varda-
roff (W), 2. Retcliffe (BC), 1. Gaffney (BC).
APIA LEICHHARDT 0 SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Sou-
ness) at Lambert Park. Votes by Tom Anderson:
6. Kafka (APIA), 5. Wilson (APIA), 4. Mullen (SC), 3.
Pankas (SC), 2. Woodhouse (APIA), 1. Kosmina (SC).
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Belic, Jovanovic) HEIDELBERG
ALEXANDER 2 (Monagle, McGrory) at Schintler Reserve.
Votes by Dick Prendergast:
6. Lujic (F), 5. Jovanovic (F), 4. Tansey (H), 3. Yzendoorn
(H), 2. Belic (F), 1. Monagle (H).
BLACKTOWN 0 MARCONI DATSUN 2 (Piccone, Sharne)
at Gabble Stadium. Votes by Ted Smithies:
6. Sharne (M), 5. Henderson (M), 4. James (B), 3. Burrows
(B), 2. Krncovic (M), 1. Byrne (M).
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 4 (Topaz, Honeyman, Boyle,

Manecas) MAKEDEONIA 0 at Murrumbidgee Stadium. Votes by
Meno Toutsidis:
6. Wright (WA), 5. Crook (WA), 4. Boyle (WA), 3. Whittle
(Mak), 2. Manecas (WA), 1. Ollerton (Mak).
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE
HELLAS 2 (Christopoulos 2) at Hindmarsh Stadium (Friday
night). Votes by Meno Toutsidis:
6. Shiras (SM), 5. Christopoulos (SM), 4. Evans (SM), 3.
Wright (WA), 2. Crook (WA), 1. Stevensen (SM).
NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 CANBERRA CITY 1 (Gibson)
at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:
6. Jones (N), 5. Byrne (C), 4. Reaney (N), 3. Brennan (C), 2.
Storay (N), 1. H. Tredinnick (N).
Lenders:
43. Hermiston (BL)
41. T. Byrne (Can)
39. Kosmina (SC)
37. Ontong (BL)
34. Ollerton (Mak)
33. Brown (Mak)
32. Katholos (SO)
31. de Graaf (Woll), Mitchell (AC)
Top scorers:
7. Ollerton (Mak)
6. Boden, Kosmina (SC), Sharne (Mak)
5. P. O'Connor (APIA), Mitchell, J. Nyskohus (AC), Christ-
opoulos (SM), Barnes (SC), Gibson (Can)

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Hakoah-Hellas merger name?

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Hakoah would not be "gobbled up" in a merger with South Melbourne Hellas, and the senior Hakoah players would not lose their team positions to the Hellas reserves.

These points were made clear by Hakoah secretary Kurt Defris this week when it was disclosed that a Hakoah-Hellas merger was being negotiated.

The merger was discussed between a leading Hakoah official and Hellas president Sam Papisavas but it has yet to be discussed in detail at committee level.

Hakoah offers Hellas State League status not only for the players it cannot use in its PSL team, but also in the event

of Hellas having to return to State League soccer should the PSL fold one day.

Hellas would scrap its Second Division team and add the players from that team to the Hakoah senior and reserve squads. The best from that pool would play in the State League seniors, the rest in the reserves.

Hakoah's four junior teams would merge with Hellas's 12 junior teams. However the amalgamation would have no bearing on Hellas's PSL activities.

There is still much negotiating to be done, and certainly the merger could not go ahead until next season.

Hakoah is adamant that it wants to retain its identity, so the State League

team and the juniors would go under the name of Hakoah-Hellas or Hellas-Hakoah.

Hellas president Sam Papisavas favors the merger.

So does Mr Defris.

"In 20 years of sharing Middle Park, our two clubs never have had even the slightest argument," he said.

"We have helped each other in every possible way."

Mr Defris said Hakoah has had many generous sponsors over the years, but without crowd support, it was getting increasingly more difficult to meet the financial demands of semi-professional soccer. Amalgamation with Hellas would solve the crowd problem.

—LAURIE SCHWAB

Wilson quits 'funeral parlor'

JUVENTUS 0 RINGWOOD 4 (Thom 2, Anderson 2, Tattersall).

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 5 — Donaldson 6, Penzo 6, Creamy 5, Tarquinio 6 — Curcio (inj), Vaccaro 5th 5, Ciccone 75th, Sannipoli 6, Hird 6, Incantalupo 6 — McMillan 5, Heery 7.

RINGWOOD: Fearn 7 — Paaman 8, Groenewald 7, Brooks 7, Verniers 7 — O'Riley 8, Malt 7, O'Callaghan 7 — Anderson 6 (inj), Tattersall 75th, Luyten 7, Thom 7.

This was Joe Wilson's swan song as far as his first team

JUVENTUS  **RINGWOOD CITY** 

coaching job with Juventus was concerned.

I asked Wilson what he thought of the match.

"Sitting on the bench was like sitting in a funeral parlor," he replied.

For the second week in a row a club official entered the dressing room after the match and made comments which angered Wilson.

This time it was too much.

Wilson suggested that the official concerned could take care of the passports and the team from now on.

"If I had known about the financial situation of the club I never would have taken the job in the first place," said the former Juve coach.

"I thought I was taking over a fair side at first but the playing staff soon disappeared and I was struggling," he added.

Ringwood however brought a smile to the faces of its supporters by slamming in four goals.

The first came from Brian Thom who cut in from the left and shot from 15 metres in the 35th minute. The ball deflected off a Juve defender to put the visitors to Gillon Oval one up.

The rout was completed with three second half goals. Thom grabbed his second thanks to the quick thinking of

Ringwood midfielder John G. Callaghan.

The Juve players thought that they had been awarded a free kick but O'Callaghan read the situation well, took a quick free and sent Thom through.

Thom let fly from 18 metres to effectively end Juve's resistance.

A long cross from the left in the 75th minute found Alex Anderson at the far post. He had little difficulty in heading home.

Alex Fantoma misjudged a high ball from the right in the 84th minute and substituted David Tattersall walked the ball in from point blank range.

Juventus must be one of the favorites for the trip down to First Division.

Kurt Defris



Sam Papisavas

Polonia hits 7, McGorian out

The Mick McGorian saga took another twist last week with McGorian being suspended by Slavia for five weeks.

Should he serve the full suspension he will be forced to stay with the club as the transfer deadline will have past.

Slavia had trouble fielding a full side against Morwell Falcons on the weekend.

Two Melbourne based PSL clubs are interested in midfielder John Cullen and Footscray J.U.S.T. has shown interest in McGorian.

It is believed that Essendon Croatia also has shown interest in both players.

FIRST DIVISION

Polonia 7 (Krysinski 2, Wallace, Pichner, Lakic, P. Czapnik, G. Gamanski) Morwell 0.

Polonia: Dzielakowski, R. Liparski, Jaworski, S. Klein, Rachawski, Pichner (inj), Sekulski 75th, Wallace, P. Czapnik, Gerrick, Krysinski, Lakic (G. Gamanski 6th).

Morwell: Debeljuh, McDonald, Cochran, Black, Lewis (Ferreiter 55th), Landers, Paolo, Howard, Nedolyn, Oates, Monaghan.

Polonia returned to the winning list in a big way when it thrashed Morwell 7-0 at Maribyrnong Reserve on Saturday.

Following the first first loss of the season to Albion last week Polonia was harshly criticized for not showing enough guts and determination

but it was slung into action and Morwell suffered the consequences.

Moreland was defending desperately and with seven minutes to go before half-time its defence cracked in the 38th minute when a cross by Ted Krysinski found John Wallace and his header went past a stranded Debeljuh to open the scoring.

Five minutes later Polonia went further ahead when a pass by Brendan Lakic found Michael Pichner and he made no mistake from point blank range.

Any chance of Moreland making a recovery was shattered in the 56th minute when a back pass by Cochran went through Debeljuh and Lakic on his own said "thanks very much" and scored.

Polonia scored a fourth goal in the 64th minute when a corner by Wallace went over the keeper's head and Krysinski made no mistake and in the 72nd minute went even further ahead when a cross by Wallace found Peter Czapnik and he scored from close range.

Three minutes later Polonia was awarded a penalty when Krysinski was tripped by Oates. Despite appeals by Po-

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lonia supporters that their keeper Leszek Dzielakowski take the spot kick it was Krysinski who took it and promptly scored.

In the 83rd minute Polonia scored its seventh goal when a pass by Richard Sekulski found Gyor Gamanski and his shot gave Debeljuh no chance.

Polonia's biggest test for the season comes on Sunday, May 24, when it plays Western Suburbs away.

KEILOR AUSTRIA 0 BOX HILL 3 (Taylor 2, Valentine).

Keilor Austria: Peterson, Smale, Sammut, Grbac, Braverton, Campbell, Beattie, Dobson, (Kolaric 76 min.), Craig, O. Latif, T. Latif, (Webb 45 min.).

Box Hill: Morgan, Roodhouse, Brownlie, Singleton, Ray, Veresich, Ramos, (MacLeod 17 min.), McLeod, Valentine, Taylor, Lawlor.

In wintery conditions, Box Hill, kicking off with a strong wind at its back in the first half, proved far too strong for Keilor Austria.

Playing a superb brand of one touch football, the Hillmen forged to the lead in the 20th minute, when Mike Valentine, wide on the right, passed back down the line for Ian Roodhouse to send a long searching cross into the Austria penalty area.

Peter Veresich rose high in the air, and nodded down to the razor sharp Ray Taylor, who rounded Campbell and Braverton to leave Peterson helpless, with a right foot drive from ten metres.

The Hillmen continued to press forward, with Greg McLeod and Ian MacLeod constantly prompting from midfield. However, a combination of poor finishing and some brilliant keeping by the veteran Peterson kept the Hillmen at bay until three minutes before half-time.

David Singleton won a high clearance and nodded on to Taylor wide on the left touchline. A magnificent first time cross to the far post caught the

whole Austria defence on the wrong foot, and Valentine drifting in on the blind side took the ball on the volley from close range and Box Hill went two up.

The Hillmen continued to exert pressure in the second half with Austria's slow back four being exploited by the nippy Box Hill attackers.

In the 51st minute Valentine picked up a misdirected clearance by keeper Peterson, passed quickly inside to McLeod, whose driven cross was blasted home by Taylor to record his seventh goal in six matches this season.

Finally a word of praise for referee Jim Fearn who kept good control and barely noticed from the sideline. Surely the sign of a job well done.

SLAVIA 2 MORWELL FALCONS 1

Scorers: Armstrong (MF), Liu, Walker o.g. (S).

Slavia: D. Givlio 7 (Whiteside), Smart 8, Irvine 7, Walker 7, Mararo 6, Iva Elhinney 7, Mackay 7, Williams 6, Vambasar 6, Armstrong 7, Coak 6.

Slavia: Hammond 8, Haupt 8, Lawson 7, Houston 7 (Griffiths), Iva 7, Coome 7, Brindle 7, Jurine 6, Kate 6, Auld 6, Liu 7.

In the 30th minute a long through ball was missed by Liam Houston and Jim Armstrong pounced. He beat Steve Lawson then shot low past Hammond from the right side of the area.

In the second half Steve Jurina pushed forward alongside Hansen Liu and Billy Auld to put pressure on Falcons' back four.

Liu levelled in the 62nd minute and Steve Walker headed past his own keeper in the 81st minute to give Slavia both points.

It was a good win for Slavia at a time when its "star" players are in dispute with the club.

SECOND DIVISION

MELBOURNE 1 (Ward 5th 1, FRANKSTON/PINES 0.

Melbourne: V. Magro, J. Cerro, D. Gooch, J. Bird, A. Millar, C. Bernice, R. Lie, W. Harrington, P. Diamantaris, (P. Miliborovic) G. Zarco, D. Ward.

Melbourne took the game to the Pines and scored when Danny Ward received a through ball from the Melbourne midfield.

Ward took on his defender and beat him then slotted the ball past the Pines' keeper.

Melbourne mounted attack after attack and in the 24th minute Zarco hit the post from close range after a clever one-two with Phillip Diamantaris.

After this Pines started to come good and had a few dangerous attacks. Melbourne keeper Vic Magro was called upon for a few good saves forward the end of the first half.

After the break Frankston Pines came out with a new approach and in one incident it was the crossbar that saved Melbourne.

But as the second play wore on Pines began to tire.

PROVISIONAL FIRST DIVISION

MOOROOLBARK 1 CAULFIELD CITY 0.

Mooroolbark scored a good win against a hard hitting, vigorous Caulfield City last Saturday.

The first half was played at a furious pace with both defences on top, and an unfortunate accident between a Mooroolbark forward and Caulfield's keeper spurred Caulfield on but the Barkers' defence with Graham in goals, Ward, Killen, Murray and Pappas held out.

After the interval Page broke clear down the wing, crossed to Wyllie who shot hard only to see Caulfield's keeper punch away but Masters, who had received a lot of attention from the defence, drove the ball into the net.

Williamson, drove the Barkers continually into attack, but chances were not capitalized on and Caulfield's defence stood firm.

Best Mooroolbark Masters, Williamson, Graham, Page.

Best Mooroolbark Masters, Williamson, Graham, Page.

CROYDON 1 (I. Loughnane) DOVETON 1 (Cherrie)

CROYDON: Keogh 8 — Spinks 8, Ponghe 9, McCombe 8, Brown 7 — Wade 7, Smith 8, Newarth 7 — P. Loughnane 7, Wright 7 (Channon 70th), I. Loughnane 7.

DOVETON: Iwanoff 8 — Thurlow 7, Cork 7, Merrick 8, McConville 7 — Bentley 8 Wilcock 7 (Campbell 80th), Train 8 — Irvine 7, Cherrie 8, Quir 7.

Croydon and Doveton maintained their unbeaten records by battling to a 1-1 draw in a game of two halves at Croydon Park.

Bob Wright replaced the injured Dave Brogan in the Croydon line-up.

Wright has come out of minor league soccer in England.

The highlight of Doveton's display was its organisation at the back while the Croydon brains tried in vain to exploit what it saw as a weakness in sweeper Ernie Merrick's play.

Croydon believed that Merrick based his game on following stopper Paul Corke without giving good cover to the Doveton full backs.

But Croydon never got a chance to exploit Merrick.

After the Doves went down to a 30th minute header from Ian Loughnane they came storming back after a half time tongue lashing from coach Danny McMinimee who criticised Alan Quin and Arthur Cherrie for not pressuring the Croydon back four in the first half.

The Doves gained a well deserved point thanks to a mis-kicked shot and the quick reactions of Steve Irvine.

The shot sailed over the Croydon defence, Irvine beat Sean Keogh to the ball and knocked it past him. Cherrie was following up and he stroked it home into the open goal.

Shines shone

FRANKSTON 1 (Egan) SUNSHINE 1 (Thomson o.g.).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 9, Thomson 7, McCluskey 7, Gillespie 6, Campbell 7 (Pryde 70th) — Cooper 6, Hafford 8, Stewart 7 — Buchanan 8, Burroughs 7.

SUNSHINE: Conlin 7 — Dixey 8, Lowe 7, Ellis 8, Morovic 7 — Mussel 6, Nelson 6, Espasito 7 — Mudrin 6, Pate 7, Long 7.

The best Sunshine performance for three years was the consensus among the Shiners committee.

Nick Pate has given the Shiners the target up front that was missing.

He was denied in the second half by the ability of Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert who had a fine match.

Sunshine struck first in the 67th minute.

Nick Lowe took a free kick near the half line. He struck the ball hard and low to John Mudrin who flicked it through first time to Rob Nelson. The Shiners' midfielder shot as Gilbert came off his line. The ball rebounded off Gilbert's legs and struck Frank Thomson, running toward goal with Nelson who was following up his shot. The ball rebounded off Thomson and went into the unguarded Frankston goal.

When it seemed that the Shiners were home with both points Charlie Egan levelled.

Rob Stewart received the ball from Dave Cooper, cut into the Shiners' area and shot, the ball deflected to Egan who calmly slotted it home.

ALL SYSTEMS GO

From page one

To get past them, the Socceroos need not only aerial dominance but also a skilful man like Boden who can beat an opponent on his own and also puts team mates through with excellent passes.

Now we're down to one position — defensive midfield.

It will have to be either captain Murray Barnes or Billy Rogers.

Barnes is the captain, so he has the edge.

The match against Indonesia next Wednesday brings back memories of the 1973 qualifying series, when the Socceroos beat Indonesia 2-1 and then 6-0 in the final match of the tournament.

The size of the 6-0 win was due to the absence of injured Indonesian stars Ronny Pattinasarany, Abdul Kadir,

Iswadi and Juswadi. In addition, Ronny Pasia and Widodo were replaced during the game after being hurt.

Pasia was the best goalkeeper of the tournament, Widodo the best stopper, and Panggabean and Pattinasarany joined Australia's Ray Richards to make up the best midfield trio.

Another words Indonesia was a highly talented side.

But the Socceroos' greater physical strength carried them through, as it should next Wednesday.

Only one member of the 1973 Indonesian side remains — Pattinasarany — who was captain in the 1-1 draw in Djakarta at the end of the Socceroos' world tour last year.

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CUP CHANCE FOR METRO TEAMS

It's giant killing time again with a Dockerty cup spectacular on the weekend.

This is the time for the lesser lights of the Metro Leagues to write themselves into the history books by knocking off more glamorous State League opponents.

It's also the time when State League coaches dust off the cobwebs from their store of glib excuses and prepare to present them to the press as an explanation of why their sides were beaten.

You know the sort of excuses I'm referring to. The nothing to play for, no atmosphere, hard to motivate yourself type of excuses.

The best used excuse is that they put up a superhuman effort against a better side type.

I wonder what excuse Juventus will put up after it gets knocked out of the cup by Keilor Austria on Saturday at Olympic Park. Juventus has a fine history of success. I'm sure the club treasures the many credits it has amassed over the years.

But right now a wage packet is like an archeological discovery as far as Juve players are concerned. It's a thing of the past. Something to treasure alongside the club's trophies.

Joe Wilson left the first team coaching job after Sunday's 4-0 loss to Ringwood. His successor has a thankless task.

Imagine trying to motivate eleven players from a State League side who have to go out against First Division players who don't get as much money but at least get paid on time.

Good luck to whoever has the Juve job this week.

The Juventus-Austria game is followed by Croatia and Melbourne.

Croatia will win.

I wonder if Green Gully Ajax will come out with all cylinders firing against Albion Rovers on Sunday.

Rovers are a dour, disciplined outfit.

Ajax found out what can happen when it has to take the game to a side packing its defence like Hakoah did on Saturday so it should benefit from the experience.

Rovers will make it just as difficult for Ajax.



Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE

It will be interesting to see whether Ajax perseveres with looking for big Gus McLeod in the air.

The big man's hard to beat when balls are knocked into his feet. Maybe we'll see a different Ajax on Sunday.

The Ajax-Albion clash is preceded by George Cross and Park Rangers.

It's hard to see Rangers making much impression on the Cross. The danger man for the Rangers defence is Bobby Toal.

Toal shields the ball well and is quick to see a chance to strike at goal.

Paul Vasilovic in the Rangers goal could be the hardest worker on the field.

He's tall and strong. Not the sort of keeper you'd like to run into in a challenge for a 50/50 ball.

But he could find himself plucking the ball out of the back of his net on a few occasions on Sunday.

The most interesting games of the round are the Slavia-Fawknier meeting at John Cain Reserve on Saturday and Sunday's Middle Park battle between First Division rivals Box Hill and Morwell Falcons.

I fancy Fawknier to beat Slavia.

With Les Gooney sweeping up at the back the Slavia strike force, severely depleted by Mick McGorian's absence, will find chances few and far between.

Middle Park will bring back fond memories to three Falcons players when they run out to do battle with Box Hill.

Jimmy Armstrong, Steve Walker and Jimmy Mackay had illustrious careers with Hellas.

They're good footballers in anyone's language and I'm sure they'll show the Hillmen that they still have a lot to offer.

But I think Box Hill can scrape home.

Four great goals

CROATIA 2 (Kerr, Gilder) GEORGE CROSS 2 (Mizzi, Rigby).

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 7, Kokoska 7, Bannon 8, Blavier 6 - Adams 6, Kerr 5, Tron 5 - Mitten 6 (Andrews 7th), Gilder 6, Murphy 6.

GEORGE CROSS: O'Hara 7 - Gambin 6, McLeod 7, Wilkinson 7, McKinlay 8 - Rigby 6, Bannon 6, Flaherty 6 - Toal 7, Farmer 6, Mizzi 6.

Croatia paid dearly for its lack of discipline against George Cross and ended the day with a point.

Two incidents best serve to highlight Croatia's lack of discipline.

Ante Blavier charged in and took down Bobby Toal just before half time Toal was wide and going nowhere and it's a mystery why Blavier gave away the free kick which led to Cross's second goal.

And why did Ken Murphy switch wings in the second half?

Murphy had beaten young Paul Gambin in the opening 45 minutes but he changed to Harry McKinnlay's side for long periods in the second half.

And McKinnlay didn't give Murphy an inch.

Croatia struck first when the ball was played into the Cross area to Noel Mitten. He knocked it wide to Keith Adams who had found room wide on the right. Adams chipped across goal to Alan Kerr charging in and Kerr's point blank header gave Mike O'Hara no chance.

But Cross hit back within a minute.

Ged Bannon chipped the ball into the Croatia area. Ray Mizzi waited until the ball dropped over his right shoulder then he hammered a first time volley into the bottom far corner of goal from 15 metres.

Then eight minutes later Croatia was back in front.

Murphy looked to have lost possession as Gambin charged in.

Top scorers

General Tourist Travel Service sponsors the State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip for two to New Zealand. Leading scorers are:

6 - Egan (F)

4 - Adams, Mitten (C), Loughnane (Croy)

3 - Irvine (D), Sahindia (N), McLeod, Graecchan (GCA), Gilder (C), French (H).

Nelson tops

Every week "Soccer Action" nominates a State League Player of the Week who wins a dinner for two at Leo's Restaurant, 55 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda.

The winner can pick up his ticket at "Soccer Action", 603 Little Lonsdale Street. At Leo's the winner should ask for the manager Carlo Giarda.

This week's winner is Northcote stopper ALEX NELSON.

lenced him on the left near the corner flag. But the blond Croatia striker won the ball back and crossed to Carl Gilder at the far post. Gilder had the easy task of heading home from three metres.

But the expected avalanche never came.

Just when it seemed that Croatia would be content with a one goal lead at the break Blavier took down Toal wide down the cross right.

The free kick to the far post looked to be going out for a goal kick. Short thought so but not Farmer. He stole in behind Short and knocked the ball back to the penalty spot. Dave Rigby set himself then drove the ball home to the dismay of the Croatia fans.

'Sack bosses'

ALTONA 1 (Murphy) NORTH-COTE 2 (Tsetsoos, Vasic)

ALTONA: Massani 7 - P. Wilson 6, K. Wilson 7, Kilibick 7, Thompson 30th, 63, McCaville 6 - Murphy 6, Wattors 6, Innes 7, Pavlovic 6 - Little 5, Whyte 7.

NORTH-COTE: Tachiris 7 - Petrakos 7, Nelson 5, Baskis 5, Fakos 6 - Paluszko 5 (Klaris 6th), Kalfitidis 6, Rujovic 6, Sahindia 5 (Gatzinos 5th), Tsetsoos 7, Vasic 7.

Northcote rocked Altona with two goals in the last ten minutes.

Altona's new coach Billy Whyte must have expected two points after Lars Murphy put his Kim reserve locals ahead eight minutes after half time.

Whyte's shot was fumbled by "Rocky" Tachiris and Murphy followed up to poke the ball over the line.

In the 80th minute Spiro Tsetsoos who had settled his differences with the club through the week, snatched the equaliser.

And seven minutes later Dragan Vasic sank Altona with a shot into the top corner from the left side of the area.

Altona's players were unhappy with John Payne's sacking last week.

They held a meeting and passed a vote of confidence in Payne. But at a second player meeting the players backed down from taking a harder line.

Payne was critical of the committee.

"Personality clashes decided my fate," he said.

"The decision to sack me came from the hill at Kim Reserve. I'm not a big drinker and I don't see eye to eye with some of these people," he added.

"It's about time that a few committees were sacked instead of the coaches."

TEAM OF THE WEEK

GILBERT (F'ton)

PASMAN (R'wood) PONGHO (C'don) NELSON (N'cote) McKINLAY (C'don)

TRAIN (D'ton) WILSON (Hakoah) HOLFORD (F'ton)

HEERY (Juve) O'RILEY (R'wood) WHYTE (Altona)

STATE LEAGUE

W D L F A Pts

ALTONA 4 1 1 10 29

CROYDON 3 3 0 11 79

CROATIA 2 3 1 13 97

DOVETON 1 5 0 8 57

FRANKSTON 3 1 2 10 87

Hakoah 3 1 2 6 77

Sunshine 2 1 3 6 75

Geo. Cross 2 1 3 5 65

Ringwood 2 1 3 8 105

Northcote 2 1 3 9 125

Juventus 2 0 4 5 124

Altona 0 2 4 6 132

Referee Les Hazlehurst shows the red card to Hakoah's Bill Jordanou (left). The others are Danny Davidson and Jim Wilson. Picture: LES SHORROCK

COULSON AVAILABLE

Willie Coulson wants to leave Victorian State League club Frankston City.

There's a \$1000 maximum transfer clause in his contract with the Bayliss and he has gained his permanent residency.

Coulson is a midfielder and has played for English clubs Newcastle United, Southend and Huddersfield.

He can be contacted at home on 726 9273.

And David Allison, son of well known English manager Malcolm Allison, 26, is a defender or midfielder and has played with Blackpool for two seasons before moving to Hong Kong as a full time professional with Urban Services and Eastern.

More details about Allison can be gained by contacting Coulson at the above number.

Jordanou off

ALTONA 0 HAKOAH 1 (French)

ALTONA: Denys 6 - Lewis 6, Gardiner 7, Cannell 6, Bennett 6, Greenchan 7, Vassallo 6, Williams 6 - Wall 5 (Hogban 7th), McLeod 5, Murray 6.

HAKOAH: Fryzler 7 - Davidson 6, Hannah 7 (inj. Thompson 32nd), Jordanou 8 (sent off 72nd), Gadsby 6 - Nary 6, Wilson 7, French 6, Kent (inj. Allison 25th) - McClunie 6, Webster 5.

Stop talking about the PSL. Ajax and start thinking about what you have to do to prove yourself worthy of the mantle of a top State League side.

Unimaginative and stereotyped Ajax played right into Hakoah's hands.

Bill Allison's side started with five at the back. Jimmy Wilson was the defensive midfielder who slotted into the central defensive positions whenever one of the central defenders was dragged wide.

Wilson had a fine game and kept nipping at the heels of his opponents throughout Hakoah's rearguard action in the second half.

And Bill Jordanou was unusually aggressive. Just ask Kevin Wall who was left lying on the ground after a clash with Jordanou in the first half.

Jordanou was sent off in the second half. He was booked in the first half and his second in discretion earned him his marching orders. But not before he had played an important part in Hakoah's win.

George Hannah and Gus McLeod looked like Siamese twins.

Whenever McLeod went for the ball Hannah was tight behind him and never gave an inch.

Hakoah had the wind in the second half and was playing down the infamous Gully slope but kept five men at the back.

With such an invitation to come forward what did Ajax do?

Play the ball wide then pump it high into the Hakoah area.

The handful of Hakoah supporters at the game must have enjoyed Ajax's vain attempt to get past the defenders massing in and around the penalty box.

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3 - Gilbert (F)

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Progressive votes:

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CLUB CLOSE-UP

CANBERRA

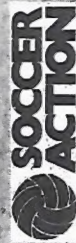


BACK ROW, left to right: George Murray (manager-coach), John Massa (from Netherlands 1981), Isaac Farrell, Richard Wilson (New Zealand 1980), Rob O'Shea (St. George 1980), Mike O'Shea (St. George 1980), Don McLaren (Hearts, Scotland 1979), Steve Horzowski (Auburn 1979), Harry Williams (St. George 1979).
FRONT ROW: Ian Gibson, Walter Valeri (Inter Monaro 1980), Roy Stark (Hong Kong 1977), John O'Shea (St. George 1980), Duncan Cole (New Zealand 1980), Terry Byrne (Preston North End, England 1978).
INSET: Tony Brennan (Brisbane Lions 1980)

Canberra City was formed expressly for the newly formed PSL, which kicked off in 1977. It boasts one of the best grounds in the league, the \$7 million B. Sand 1979 and has increased premises and player support. In the 1978 and 1979 seasons Canberra recorded an average 6000 - 8000 attendance which secured the club a place in the PSL. This year Canberra imported George Murray as manager-coach. Murray has vast experience as first team coach of leading Scottish Premier League club Aberdeen. And Canberra is set to pounce upon top spot on the PSL table. This could be the first year that it achieves a major PSL honour.



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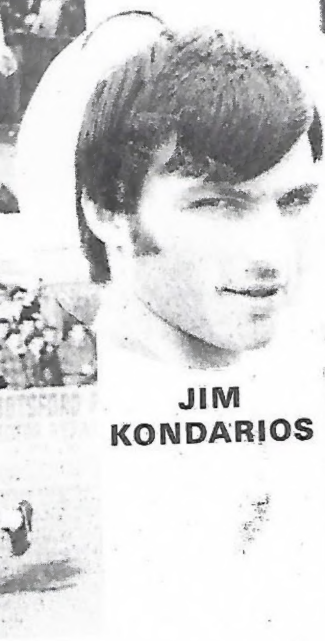
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